

**1.1 BACKGROUND**

The municipal storm water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Permit) was issued to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the County of Los Angeles, and 84 cities by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on December 13, 2001. The Permit requires the Permittees to implement a development-planning program (Program) addressing Development Planning for the private sector. This Program describes the acceptable minimum standards that Permittees are to follow to implement their own development planning programs in compliance with the Permit.

Part 4.D of the Permit contains requirements specifically for development planning, as summarized in Table 1-1. (A copy of the applicable Permit section is included as Appendix A and can be used to determine specific language.) The Permit requirements are fully enforceable and can only be changed through action by the Regional Board. This Program will be approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.

**Table 1-1. Development Planning Requirements**

Permit Section	Requirement Summary <sup>(1)</sup>	Permit Schedule
Part 4.D. Program Implementation (page 34)	Implement a development-planning program that requires all planning priority development/redevelopment projects to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximize the percentage of pervious surface;</li> <li>• Minimize the quantity of storm water directed to impervious surfaces;</li> <li>• Provide properly designed and maintained Treatment Control BMPs in a manner that does not promote the breeding of vectors; and</li> <li>• Provide for appropriate permanent measures to reduce stormwater pollutant loads from development sites.</li> </ul>	02/01/2002
Part 4.D.1. Peak Flow Control (pages 34,35)	Develop Peak Flow Control Criteria	02/01/2005
Part 4.D.2.a) Ordinance Change for SUSMP (page 35)	Amend codes and ordinances to give legal effect to SUSMP changes contained in the Permit, if necessary.	08/01/2002
Part 4.D.2.b), c) & e) SUSMP (pages 35, 36)	Implement the revised Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)	09/02/2002
Part 4.D.2.d) ESAs Delineation Map (page 36)	Prepare and submit an Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) Delineation Map to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).	06/03/2002
Part 4.D.5. Industrial/Commercial SUSMP Application (page 38)	Implement SUSMP requirements for Industrial/Commercial category projects of one acre and greater.	03/10/2003
Part 4.D.11 CEQA Document Update (page 40)	Update CEQA guidelines to include specific storm water related issues.	02/01/2002
Part 4.D.12 General Plan Update (page 41)	Update General Plan to include specific storm water related issues.	Whenever the General Plan is being updated
Part 4.D.13 Training (page 41)	Train targeted employees in permit requirements for Development Planning and conduct refresher training annually thereafter.	Permittees with a population of less than 250,000 by 08/01/02.

		Permittees with a population greater than 250,000 by 02/03/2003
Part 4.D.14.a) SUSMP Guidelines (page 41)	Develop and make available to the development community SUSMP guidelines.	02/01/2002
Part 4.D.14.b) Developer Technical Guidance and Information (page 41)	Develop a technical manual for the siting and design of BMPs for the development community in L.A County.	02/04/2004

(1) For actual text of requirements, see the Permit excerpt in Appendix A.

## **1.2 PROGRAM GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

This Program addresses the planning of Development Projects. The term “Development Projects” as used in this Program encompasses those projects that are subject to a planning and permitting review/process by a Permittee. A Development Project may be new development, redevelopment, renovation, remodeling, rehabilitation, infill, or other terms that may be used in a Permittee’s ordinances and/or building code. Development Projects by public agencies have similar requirements that are addressed in the Public Agency Activities Program, another component of the Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program.

The goal of this Program is intended to assure that appropriate post-construction BMPs are included in **Priority Planning Development and Redevelopment Project** plans and designs to:

- Minimize impacts from storm water and urban runoff on the biological integrity of Natural Drainage Systems and water bodies in accordance with requirements under CEQA (Cal. Pub. Resources Code § 21100), CWC § 13369, CWA § 319, CWA § 402(p), CWA § 404, CZARA § 6217(g), ESA § 7, and local government ordinances;
- Maximize the percentage of pervious surfaces to allow percolation of storm water into the ground;
- Minimize the quantity of storm water directed to impervious surfaces and the MS4;
- Properly designed and maintain Treatment Control BMPs in a manner that does not promote the breeding of vectors; and
- Provide for appropriate permanent measures to reduce storm water pollutant loads in storm water from the development sites.

## **1.3 USE OF THE MODEL PROGRAM**

This Program sets the minimum requirements for Permittees to follow in implementing their own program. Permittees may modify the Program prior to adoption for their jurisdiction to address particular issues, concerns, or constraints that are unique to a particular watershed or to an individual municipality.